

SPECIAL WILLMAR CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
BOARD ROOM
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BUILDING
WILLMAR, MINNESOTA
& BY ELECTRONIC MEANS (GOTO MEETING)

June 22, 2021
7:00 p.m.

The special meeting of the Willmar City Council was called to order by the Honorable Mayor Marv Calvin. Members present on a roll call were Mayor Marv Calvin, Council Members Rick Fagerlie, Julie Asmus, Thomas Butterfield, Michael O'Brien, Justin Ask, Vicki Davis, Andrew Plowman, and Audrey Nelsen.

Also present were Interim City Administrator John Harren, BakerTilly Representative Patty Heminover, Finance Director Steve Okins, and City Clerk Judy Thompson.

Mayor Calvin introduced City Administrator Candidate Leslie Valiant, and Council conducted the interview process.

BakerTilly Representative Patty Heminover gave a brief overview of the process thus far.

Following a discussion, Council Member O'Brien offered a motion to authorize BakerTilly Representative Patty Heminover to negotiate employment agreement terms with Leslie Valiant. Council Member Butterfield seconded the motion which carried, on a roll call vote of Ayes 8, Noes 0.

Mayor Calvin suggested an Ad Hoc group of Council members be established to work with BakerTilly Representative Patty Heminover on negotiation strategy and parameters of an employment contract with Ms. Valiant. Following a brief discussion, Council Member Ask offered a motion Mayor Calvin and Council Members Davis and O'Brien work with Ms. Heminover on the employment agreement terms and conditions. Council Member Plowman seconded the motion which carried.

Mayor Calvin presented a request to consider an extension of temporary employment with John Harren as Interim City Administrator. He stated the current agreement is set to expire July 2, 2021, and stated it is in the best interest of the City to consider extending his temporary employment until such time as a full-time City Administrator is employed or July 12, 2021 whichever comes first.

Following discussion, **Resolution No. 2021-146 Approving Extension of Temporary Employment of John Harren** was introduced by Council Member Nelsen. Council Members Davis seconded the motion which carried, on a roll call vote of Ayes 8, Noes 0.

Council Member Fagerlie offered a motion to adjourn the meeting with Council Member Nelsen seconding the motion which carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

/s/ Marv Calvin
MAYOR

Attest:

/s/ Judy Thompson
SECRETARY TO THE COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-146

APPROVING EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT OF JOHN HARREN

Motion By: Nelsen

Second By: Davis

WHEREAS the temporary employment of John Harren as Interim City Administrator of the City of Willmar was approved by Council on June 7, 2021 effective June 8, 2021 and;

WHEREAS the conditions of John Harren's temporary as outlined in Resolution No. 2021-124 are proposed to be extended to coincide with the start date of a full-time City Administrator or July 12, 2021 whichever comes first.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Willmar John Harren's temporary employment conditions as outlined in Resolution No. 2021-124 are hereby extended until such time as a full-time City Administrator is employed by the City or July 12, 2021, whichever comes first.

Dated this 22nd day of June, 2021.

/s/ Marv Calvin
MAYOR

Attest:

/s/ Judy Thompson
CITY CLERK